

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1886
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SHARE FOR TENDU LEAF PLUCKERS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Tendu leaf pluckers, most of whom are tribals in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Orissa, have demanded their share from the commercial exploitation of Tendu leaf and bamboos;
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken to protect the interest of the tribals plucking Tendu leaves and working in bamboo plantation and sale?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) & (b) No such proposal has been received in this Ministry.

(c) Although, there is no specific scheme to protect the interest of the tribals plucking Tendu leaves, the tribal population of the concerned States can avail the benefit of the schemes being implemented by this Ministry for the overall socio-economic development of the Scheduled Tribes in the country.